

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

72. (Currently amended) A rotisserie oven for cooking food, comprising:  
an enclosure that includes walls;  
a heating element inside the enclosure;

a plurality of plates, each having a center, wherein the plates in combination with at least one rod form a spit assembly and wherein the spit assembly does not include any structure extending from the center of one plate and connecting to the center of any other plate; and

an exhaust vent located in one of the walls of the enclosure, the exhaust vent having an indent extending into the enclosure with an opening at the top of the indent.

73. (Currently amended) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 72, wherein the exhaust vent is louvered.

74. (Currently amended) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 72, whereby heated air escapes the rotisserie oven by first moving up inside the enclosure past the exhaust vent and then moving down inside the enclosure.

75. (Currently amended) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 72, further comprising a plurality of exhaust vents, each of the plurality of exhaust vents having an indent extending into the enclosure with an opening at the top of the indent.

76. (Currently amended) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 75, whereby heated air escapes the rotisserie oven by first moving up inside the enclosure past the plurality of exhaust vents and then by moving downward inside the enclosure.

77. (Currently amended) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 72, wherein the enclosure includes a roof, a wall and a curved section and the

exhaust vent is located in the curved section.

78. (Currently amended) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 75, wherein the enclosure includes a roof, a wall and a curved section and the plurality of exhaust vents are located in the curved section.

79. (Original) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 72, wherein the heating element is maintained at a constant temperature during operation of the rotisserie oven.

80. (Original) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 75, wherein the heating element is maintained at a constant temperature during operation of the rotisserie oven.

81. (Original) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 77, wherein the heating element is maintained at a constant temperature during operation of the rotisserie oven.

82. (Original) The rotisserie oven as claimed in claim 78, wherein the heating element is maintained at a constant temperature during operation of the rotisserie oven.

83. to 87. (Canceled)

88. (Currently amended) A rotisserie oven for cooking food, comprising:  
an enclosure having a roof, a wall and a curved section extending from the wall to the roof;

a heating element inside the enclosure;

a plurality of plates, each having a center, wherein the plates in combination with at least one rod form a spit assembly and wherein the spit assembly does not include a rod extending from the center of one plate and connecting to the center of any other plate;

an exhaust vent located in the curved section; and  
wherein the exhaust vent has an indent extending into the enclosure with  
an opening at the top of the indent.

89. (Canceled)

90. (Currently amended) A rotisserie oven for cooking food, comprising:  
an enclosure having a roof, a wall and a curved section extending from  
the wall to the roof;

a heating element inside the enclosure;

a plurality of plates, each having a center, wherein the plates are in  
physical communication and form a spit assembly and wherein the spit assembly  
does not include any structure extending from the center of one plate and  
connecting to the center of any other plate;

a plurality of exhaust vents of located in the curved section; and

wherein the plurality of exhaust vents have an indent extending into the  
enclosure with an opening at the top of the indent.